



Dear Prospective Volunteer,

Thank you for your interest in volunteering. The P.O.W.E.R. (Promoting Outstanding Work Education and Recreation in Youth) Program is an after school program that serves middle school students in all twelve of Salem-Keizer public middle schools. The program offers a positive, safe after school alternative filled with opportunities in sports, arts, academic enrichment, field trips, community service and other activities. The P.O.W.E.R. Program allows volunteers the opportunity to not only share their talents with middle school students, but also be a mentor and positive role model to adolescents during a critical stage of their development.

Just think about what extra-curricular activities, tutoring or community service has meant to you. And just as importantly, consider the adults in your life, coaches, teachers and mentors, that have made an important contribution to who you are today.

Your first step in joining us to make a difference in the life of a middle school student is to return the enclosed volunteer application to the City of Salem, Department of Community Services. Please understand that the Salem-Keizer School District requires a criminal history background check on all volunteers to ensure the safety of their students. This form must be completed and returned to the School District's Human Resources Department.

Please review the volunteer opportunities included in this packet to determine the manner in which you would best like to help the P.O.W.E.R. Program. A P.O.W.E.R. Program Coordinator runs the P.O.W.E.R. Program in each school. The on-site coordinator is there to support, train coach and supervise volunteers.

Again, thank you for your interest. We hope that your experience as a P.O.W.E.R. Program volunteer proves to be as rewarding and beneficial for you as it is for the students. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 503-588-6261 or bdemoe@cityofsalem.net.

Sincerely,

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